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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Sage Park
Regional Director
Washington Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
1250 West Alder St
Union Gap, Washington 98903-0009

Re: United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery
NPDES Permit No.: WA00001902

Dear Ms. Park:

A copy of the Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit which we propose to issue to the facility referenced above, the Fact Sheet which outlines the basis for the conditions included in the Draft Permit, and the public notice announcement as it will appear in the local newspaper are available, as of today, on our EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/proposed-permit-leavenworth-national-fish-hatchery-washington>

Today's public notice announcement initiates a 50-day public comment period, from December 16, 2016 through February 3, 2017. Following the close of the public comment period, we will consider the comments received and prepare the final permit.

Technical questions regarding the permit may be referred to Jill Nogi at 206-553-1841, or 1-800-424-4372 ext. 1841 or nogi.jill@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Lidgard
Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

cc: Mr. David Bowen, Water Quality Section Manager, Department of Ecology Central Regional Office
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